restrictive economic measures against India. These relate to programmes of three US institutions namely the EXIM Bank, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) and the Trade Development Authority (TDA) in addition to lifting restrictions on Commercial US Banks and International Military Education and Training Programme (IMET).

The US Government stated that it was taking the step in recognition of the progress in the dialogue.

Recently, the US has also announced that it would allow the approval of a World Bank loan for infrastructure and power development in the state of Andhra Pradesh which was coming up for consideration in the Board of the World Bank.

The removal of these restrictions will improve the climate for mutually beneficial business interactions and improve the prospects of Indian and US companies making use of these programmes to raise financing for industrial and infrastructural projects.

ISI's Terrorists Training Camps in Bangladesh

365. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times on the 20th January, 1999 wherein it has been reported that Pakistan's agency ISI has set up many transit-cum-training camps of mercenaries and terrorists in Bangladesh for sending them to India for creating trouble for India, particularly Kashmir and North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the detailed information with Government of India in this regard;

(c) whether Government have taken up this issue with Government of Bangladesh; and

(d) if so, the result in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) Reports indicate that agencies inimical to India's interests, including the ISI, are misusing the territory of Bangladesh for their anti-India activities. Government have been apprising the Government of Bangladesh regularly about this.

This subject is also part of the agenda at meetings of the Border Security Force, Joint Working Group on Border Management & Security and at Home Secretary level talks that India has with Bangladesh. During the Home Secretary level talks with Bangladesh in Dhaka on 20-22 November 1998, both sides reaffirmed their resolve to not allow undesirable elements to use their territories for action prejudicial to the security interests of the other. Both sides agreed to share relevant intelligence towards this end.

Sino-Indian Relations

366. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to normalise Sino-Indian relations;

(b) if so, the efforts made in that regard;

(c) whether any date has been fixed for holding diplomatic talk between both the countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (d) We seek friendly, co-operative, good neighbourly and mutually beneficial relations with Chir on the basis of